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Last Day Exercises.

The Elgin public schools will close on Friday of this week and in honor of the occasion the school will give a literary program in the auditorium Friday evening, to which all are invited.

The literary society will give a one-act comedy entitled, "Taming A Lion," which no doubt will be full of interest for both young and old.

Good work has been done in the schools during the year and the patrons and public in general should show their appreciation of same by attending these exercises and giving encouragement to the work.

MISSIVES FROM MISTLETOE

Old mother earth is once more full of water, for it has rained for three days.

Most every one in this neighborhood is about done planting cotton.

What never looked finer but if these big rains continue to come the crop will be damaged.

Millard Richardson, who has been very sick, is able to sit up now.

Lois, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Bentley, happened to a very painful accident last Saturday. She jumped on a needle and broke half of it off in her foot. They took her to Fletcher and had Dr. Gamble to remove it.

Charlie Sperling and wife visited relatives near Rush Springs Saturday and Sunday.

Floyd Cooper, a friend of Jesse Townley, is visiting him.

Inez Richardson has recovered from the measles.

As it rained all day Sunday there wasn't any Sunday school or church.

Rev. Jeter visited at the home of J. T. McCraw Friday night and Saturday.

Most every one in this neighborhood has the fishing fever. Herman Bentley and family, Will Bentley and family and Sid Williams and wife went to Big Beaver last Thursday, they report a fine catch. Dolph Sperling and the King boys went Saturday night and caught 20, one weighing 3 lbs.

MISTLETOE CORRESPONDENT.

Heavy Rains.

Rain began falling on Friday and continued through most of Saturday and Sunday, falling hardest Sunday morning. The ground is thoroughly soaked and some dry weather is needed to get the crops in shape. The early wheat is in bloom and continued wet weather will do it great injury.

Dissolved.

The firm of Young & Walker has dissolved partnership and the business is now being conducted by G. W. Walker. The stock was invoiced Thursday.

Gregory For Renomination.

In this issue the CHAMPION is authorized to announce the name of Sandy W. Gregory as a candidate for renomination for the office of county clerk of Comanche county, subject to the democratic voters at the August primary.

Mr. Gregory is serving his first term as county clerk and according to democratic practice is entitled to a second term as the term consists of only two years. He is a very courteous, efficient, painstaking official, being very pleasant with all his acquaintances wherever he meets them.

He has done all in his power to cut down the expenses of his office and to reduce the high taxes. The law allows him \$700 for deputy hire should he think it necessary to employ one. He has done without a deputy at all times possible, paying out only \$219 and thus saving the county nearly \$500 in taxes for deputy service.

He has also been the purchasing agent for the county. During the year previous to his going into the office the supplies cost the county \$3700 while during his first year the supplies cost only \$2600, notwithstanding the fact that he purchased some large record books that will last for three or four years.

He is willing to make the race wholly on his record in the office, which he invites the voters of the county to investigate thoroughly.

Lawton Author Writes Book.

Lawton has an author in the person of Chas. E. Coons, who lives on the Ft. Boulevard, has just received off the press his latest book, entitled "Success and Failure of a Minister's Son," a neat volume of one hundred and fifty pages with a very neat cover.

It is practically a life history of the author detailing his successes and failure from his early boyhood until the present time.

Of humble, devoted parentage; childhood on the farm; boyhood on the cow ranch; a music teacher; a marriage failure; failing health; traveling salesman; an inventor; clerk and collector; a life insurance agent; a patent right man; political veture, defeated candidate; a minister; are some of the subjects treated in this work.—Lawton Constitution.

Uncle Tom Felt Bad.

Last week one day Uncle Tom Richardson passed the home of W. E. Murray and spoke to a woman in the truck patch he thought was Mrs. Murray. She gave no response and he wondered why, saying she used to speak to him alright.

He felt very bad over the matter until he looked closer and found that it was just an imitation woman. He told this himself so it must be so.

Lawton Gets Decision.

In the debate at Lawton Friday night between the Lawton and Elgin high schools on the question, "Resolved that the trusty system in our state penitentiary should be abolished," the decision of the judges was announced as being two to one in favor of Lawton.

J. H. Willhite served as one of the judges and rendered his decision in favor of Elgin. The other two judges were selected from instructors in the Lawton schools. The grading of the judges was handed in to the chairman and could not be found after the meeting closed so it was not learned how many points the Elgin boys were defeated.

The race was very close and if any more debates are held it would be well to see that disinterested judges are selected.

The Elgin boys can be proud of the showing made as the Lawton team had one senior and two juniors while the Elgin team had two freshmen and one 8th grade pupil. And the Lawton boys averaged nearly three years older, one of the Elgin boys being 14 and another 15 years old.

The speakers and length of time used were: Elgin; Waldo Wettengel 17 min. on opening and 5 min. on closing, John Stauffer 6 min., and Scott Walling 9 min. Lawton; John Ferris 10 min., Ned Shepler 9 min., and Sercy Armstrong 10 min. Total; Elgin 37 min. Lawton 29 min.

When announcing the closing rebuttal the chairman limited the Elgin speaker to 5 minutes and he only got to say about half he had. When the Lawton team debated here there was no limit placed on any speech and the closing Lawton debator spoke 9 minutes.

All Trains Now.

The passenger service on the Frisco through here was resumed Friday evening and all trains are now running on schedule time.

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LODGES.
M. W. A. Camp No. 11380, meets first Saturday night of each month.
R. C. Choens, Consul; J. P. Brown, Clerk.
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Thos. Richardson, Master; E. S. Stone, Clerk.
ELGIN GOSPEL TEAM.
Chairman.....H. P. Wettengel.
Secretary.....J. H. Willhite.

For Representative.

During the past few days the editor of this paper has decided to make the race before the August primary for the democratic nomination for state representative from this district, which consists of Cotton and Comanche counties and is entitled to two representatives.

In announcing for office we feel that a man's character and daily life say much more than all the words he may utter through the medium of a newspaper, but for the benefit of some readers in the county at a distance we will say a few things as to our qualifications for the office.

H. P. Wettengel was born and raised on a farm in Illinois, is 40 years old, and has kept in touch with the interests of the farmer all his life by reading farm journals and by constant contact with them.

He taught in rural and high schools for eight years, giving the work his closest attention and never lost five minutes of time from the school room during the eight years. He attended normal school, college and university and holds a Life State Teacher's certificate in Illinois. One year he was a democratic candidate for nomination for county superintendent of schools.

He has published democratic newspapers for over four years been a bank cashier, and a postmaster for nearly four years. He lived in Nebraska for two years and has lived in Oklahoma during the past seven years.

He spent several days in the gallery during the sessions of the last legislature and watched the school boy tactics of many members of that body who were afraid to open their mouths on any question and many times changed their votes during the reading of the roll call on questions.

He stands squarely on a platform of morality, economy, and efficiency in office and the abolition of many things causing our high taxes.

Echoes From Stony Point.

We are having lots of rain and the farmers all have a good stand of weeds.

Mrs. M. L. Stites is very sick with appendicitis at this writing.

Mrs. Charlie Lique is visiting home folks this week.

Rev. L. H. Shockley of near Sterling will preach at Stony Point next Saturday night and Sunday at 11 a. m. Bro. Shockley used to preach for us and we are glad to have him with us again; everyone come to hear him.

Pearl Fross was in Lawton on business Monday.

T. A. Marras and Pearl Fross are having telephones put in their homes. Hurrah for them.

Mrs. Perdue and Mrs. Fitzgerald were in Lawton shopping Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Lon Gibson and Marie Morris were shopping in Lawton last Wednesday.

Mrs. Fross attended the Ladies' Aid at B. J. Franklin's Thursday and reported a good time.

Little Wayne Perdue spent Monday and Tuesday visiting Billy and Louis Fitzgerald.

The Elgin Gospel Team was to have been with us Sunday afternoon but owing to the rain the meeting was postponed.

Rev. Clinton A. Rock of Apache has a regular appointment here every Wednesday night. Everybody come next Wednesday night.

W. W. Fitzgerald will fill his regular appointment at Stony Point Sunday night.

Miss Ollie Gilliland and brother Merl were Lawton visitors Monday.

SUNBEAM.

Remodeling.

A force of men went to work on the Catholic church Monday to tear the annex and belfry off of the north side and put it and the entrance door on the east end.

County News.

Injunctions were issued last week to close two rooming houses in Lawton on the charge of their harboring prostitutes. One was the La Grand and the other was conducted by H. F. Lewis, a woman.

Lawton plans to have a big jubilee and celebration the first day of street car service to Ft. Sill.

A revival meeting is now in progress in the Christian church at Lawton with Evangelist Edwards of Vernon, Tex., in charge.

The Oklahoma State Medical Association will hold its 1916 convention at Medicine Park.

The Happy Hunting Grounds are becoming populated with Lawton dogs.

J. W. Moffitt of Lawton was acquitted at Claremore on the charge of killing Lewis at Collinsville.

Prof. Dickson and wife of Faxton will attend the teachers summer term at Norman.

Frank Somers, derrick man at the well east of Lawton, had three fingers of his right hand badly crushed while manipulating the block and tackle on the derrick.

A family by the name of Clark in Lawton is in very destitute circumstances. The mother is believed to be dying and three children are supposed to be starving.

The Lawton school board elected teachers Monday night. The salary of the high school instructors was raised five dollars per month.

Compliments Ferris.

The Grandfield Enterprise of May 1 gives almost a two column article complimenting Congressman Scott Ferris for his great achievements as chairman of the committee on public lands and laments the fact that Tillman county did not remain in his district in the last congressional apportionment.

It cites the fact that though Ferris is only 36 years old and that only one or two of the 22 members of the committee are younger than he is, yet all of them look to him for advice as well as Secretary of Interior Lane and President Wilson.

That paper states that Ferris' influence in the house is felt as keenly as that of Owens in the senate and that Oklahoma is fortunate to have two such men in Congress.

Revival in June.

Rev. E. D. Jeter, pastor of the Baptist church, informs us that the revival meeting in that church will begin the first Sunday in June, or June 7.

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Editors Take Vote.

According to a straw vote taken among sixty-five newspaper publishers on a train returning from the Editors Association meeting at Ardmore, Judge R. L. Williams is first choice among the democratic editors as candidate for governor on that ticket. Out of a total of seventy Democratic editors listed in the county forty expressed themselves in favor of Judge Williams; twelve for J. B. A. Robertson, eleven for Al Jennings, two for Bob Dunlop, three for F. E. Herring, two for Attorney General West and none for Dr. Duke.

A total of 25 votes were cast by editors who were either Republicans or Progressives, the straw ballot standing as follows: John Fields, 17. John Hickam, 3. George Priestly, 5.

The above straw vote is a good indication of the vote over the state in the race for governor. Bob Williams has more votes than all the rest combined, that also shows why all the rest of the candidates and their friends are fighting Williams so hard.—Walter New Era.

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